GOVERNMENT OF TELNGANA
ABSTRACT

MA Department — **Elections —** Conduct of elections- The Telangana Municipalities (setting apart and reservation of seats (wards) in Municipalities) Rules, 2026- orders**- Reg**.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION (MA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 9 **Dated: 12-01-2026**
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.215, MA & UD Department, Dated: 02.08.2019
2. G.O.Ms.No.218, MA & UD Department, Dated: 02.08.2019
3. G.O.Ms.No.219, MA & UD Department, Dated: 02.08.2019
4. Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment in W.P (Civil) No.980 of 2019.
5. G.O Ms.No.49, dt.04-11-2024 of the Back ward Classes Welfare (B) Department, Government of Telangana.
6. G.O.Ms.No.14, MA & UD Department, Dated: 25.01.2025

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ORDER: -

The following notification shall be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 238 read with section 7 of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019 (Act No.11 of 2019) and in supersession of all previous rules issued in the reference 1-3 read above, on the subject, the Governor of Telangana, hereby makes the following rules for the setting apart and reservation of seats in Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils in the State.

1. (i) These rules may be called the Telangana Municipalities (setting apart and reservation of seats in Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils) Rules, 2026;

   (ii) These rules shall apply to all Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils (except Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation constituted under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955) in the State and any reference to a Municipality wherever it occurs in these rules shall apply to Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Hon'ble Supreme Court have issued the following orders.

   (a) To set-up a dedicated Commission to conduct contemporaneous rigorous empirical inquiry in to the nature and implications of the backwardness quota in local bodies, within the State.

   (b) To specify the proportion of reservation required to be provisioned Local Body wise in light of recommendations of the Commission, so as not fall foul of overbreadth; and

   (c) In any case such reservation shall not exceed aggregate of 50 percent of the total seats reserved in favour of SCs/STs/OBCs taken together.

3. Accordingly, vide reference 5th read above, Government have appointed Sri Busani Venkateshwara Rao, IAS (Retd) as Dedicated Commission to conduct contemporaneous rigorous empirical enquiry into the nature and implication of the backwardness qua local bodies, with respect to the Backward Classes of the citizens in the State.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Sections 7, 28 and 29 of the Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019 was amended to make reservation to the offices of Ward members, Chairpersons and Mayor as per the recommendations of the Dedicated Commission whenever constituted.

5. In view of the above and in supersession of orders issued in the G.O. 1st to 3rd read above, the following Rules are issued for setting apart of seats and reservations to the categories of STs, SCs, BCs and Women in the Municipalities for conduct of Municipal Elections.

6. **Procedure for setting apart of seats (wards) for various categories:** The number of ward members to be elected in direct elections in the Municipalities shall be as mentioned in Column No. 4 of schedule I and II of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019 respectively. The number of seats set apart in each Municipality for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, shall be in proportion to their respective population of the Municipality as per section 7(1) (a) of TM Act, 2019. In respect Backward Classes seats shall be set apart as per the recommendations of the Dedicated Commission, approved by the Government as per sub section (4) of section 7 of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019.

7. The number of seats set apart in each Municipality for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes shall be in the following manner.

(i) No. of seats in respect of Scheduled Tribes (STs):

(a) $\frac{\text{Total population of STs in the Municipality}}{\text{Total population of the Municipality}} \times 100 = A\%$

(b) $\frac{\text{Total number of seats in the Municipality}}{100} \times A\% =$ "B" No. of seats

"B" Number of seats shall be set apart for Scheduled Tribes in the Municipality.

(ii) No. of seats in respect of Scheduled Castes (SCs):

(c) $\frac{\text{Total population of SCs in the Municipality}}{\text{Total population of the Municipality}} \times 100 = C\%$

(d) $\frac{\text{Total number of seats in the Municipality}}{100} \times C\% =$ "D" No. of seats

"D" Number of seats shall be set apart for Scheduled Castes in the Municipality.

8. After finalizing the number of seats in a Municipality to be set apart in favour of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, seats shall be set apart for Backward Classes as recommended by the Dedicated Commission, such that the total reservations shall not exceed 50% of the total seats of the Municipality.

9. While determining seats in a Municipality to be set apart in favour of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, any fraction of less than one half shall be ignored and any fraction equal to or more than one-half shall be counted as one.

10. Where the proportion of the population of the Scheduled Tribes or Scheduled Castes in a Municipality, as the case may be, to the total population of the Municipality, does not constitute required proportion enabling them for reservation of at least one ward, there shall be set apart one ward for these categories without reference to the said proportion.

11. Fifty (50) per cent of total seats including the seats set apart for Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes shall be reserved for Women belonging to these categories.

Provided that where only one seat is set apart for Scheduled Tribes or Scheduled Castes, as the case may be in a Municipality, no seat be set apart for women belonging to Scheduled Tribes or Scheduled Castes.

12. If there is a difficulty in set apart 50% of seats to women due to "odd number of seats" in a Municipality, the fraction shall be ignored.

13. The remaining seats shall be considered as unreserved in the Municipality.

14. The population as ascertained at the latest census as published by the census authorities shall be taken for the purpose of finalizing the number of seats for various categories and setting apart the seats for Schedule Tribes and Scheduled Castes categories.

15. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana shall undertake the exercise of setting apart of seats for STs and SCs and the Dedicated Commission shall recommend the seats to be reserved for Backward Classes. After receipt of the report of the Dedicated Commission, and from CDMA, the Government shall issue final Notification fixing the number of seats reserved for various categories in the Municipalities and publish it in the Telangana Gazette and concerned District Gazette.

16 Procedure for Reservations for Seats in Municipalities:

16.1 After publication of notification in State gazette regarding setting apart of seats to various categories, as per section 7 of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019, the seats shall be reserved to the STs, SCs, BCs and Women categories by following the following procedure.

16.2 The reservation of seats for various categories shall be made in the order of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Castes and Backward Classes.

16.3 The population data in respect of ST, SCs and BCs shall be taken as per SEEEPC survey 2024.

16.4 Reservation of seats to Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils shall be made with reference to the highest percentage of population of the said category.

16.5 If an exercise of division of Municipalities into wards has been taken up after the conduct of 1st ordinary election after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019, the cycle of reservation of seats shall start afresh. If No division of Municipality into wards was taken up after conduct of 1st ordinary elections, then reservations to seats shall be made on rotation basis.

16.6 The Collector & District Election Authority are delegated to fix reservation to the seats with the assistance of the concerned Municipal Commissioners. The following information shall be kept ready before starting the process of making reservations for different categories for the seats: -

(1) Ward wise Scheduled Tribes population, Total Population of the ward and % of ST Population.

(2) wise wise Scheduled Castes Population, Total Population of the ward and % of SC Population

(3) Backward Class Population, Total Population of the ward and % of BC Population.

16.7 Firstly, the statement containing ST population shall be taken and sorted in descending order (highest to lowest). Strike off the wards allotted to the Scheduled Tribes during the previous Ordinary Elections held after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019. Select the required number of wards Nos from the remaining wards which shall be reserved for STs in the descending order of population.

16.8 Secondly, the statement containing SC population shall be taken and sorted in descending order. Strike off the wards allotted to the Scheduled Caste during the previous Ordinary Elections held after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019 and also strike off the seats reserved for STs, mentioned at Rule 16.7 above. Take the required number of wards from the remaining wards which shall be reserved for SCs in the descending order of population.

16.9 Thirdly, the statement containing BC population shall be taken and sorted in descending order. Strike off the seats allotted to the BCs during the previous Ordinary Elections held after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019. Also strike off the seats reserved for STs & SCs as mentioned in Rule (16.7) and (16.8) above. Take the required number of wards from the remaining wards which shall be reserved for BCs in the descending order of population.

16.10 The remaining wards after reservation of the wards in favour of STs, SCs, and BCs as mentioned above, shall be reserved as "un-reserved".

16.11 After the wards are reserved as mentioned above, One half of the number of wards reserved for Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes and one half of the un-reserved wards shall be reserved for Women in each Municipality by draw of lots by the District Collector concerned in the presence of representatives of political parties which are registered by the State Election Commission by giving prior notice of date and time for such drawl of lots.

16.12 The Collectors & District Election Authority, shall issue final notification regarding reservation of wards reserved in respect of Schedule Tribes, Scheduled Caste, Backward Classes and Women in the Municipalities and publish the same in District Gazette.

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